

THE SNAKE, AL WILSON



Allen LaMar "Al" Wilson¹ (19 de juny de 1939 - 21 d'abril de 2008) fou un cantant de soul americà nascut a Meridian (Mississipi). Va començar la seva carrera musical als dotze anys al capdavant del seu propi quartet espiritual i cantant al cor de l'església.

Mentre estava a l'escola secundària, Wilson i la seva família es van traslladar a Sant Bernardino (Califòrnia) on va treballar fent feines ben diferents com la de carter, conserge i empleat d'oficina, a més d'aprendre de forma autodidacta a tocar la bateria. Després de graduar-se, va passar quatre anys de gira amb Johnny Harris & The Statesmen abans d'enrolar-se a la Marina dels EUA.

Rere el seu pas militar de dos anys, Wilson va establir-se a Los Angeles, recorrent el circuit de clubs i locals nocturns. Allà va unir-se al grup vocal de R&B The Jewels i posteriorment s'uniria a The Rollers.

El 1966, Wilson va signar amb el mànager Marc Gordon, qui ràpidament el va inscriure en una audició a capella per Johnny Rivers. Wilson no només aconseguí signar pel seu segell Soul City, sinó que Rivers també va acceptar produir les sessions que el 1968 donaren lloc a "The Snake".

Wilson va enregistrar sis àlbums d'estudi entre 1968 i 1979.

Va morir el 21 d'abril de 2008, d'insuficiència renal, a Fontana, Califòrnia, a l'edat de 68 anys.

¹ <http://www.allmusic.com/artist/al-wilson-mn0000619712/biography> (consulta 17.05.2014).

¹ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Wilson_\(singer\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Al_Wilson_(singer)) (consulta 17.05.2014).



The Snake

On Her Way to Work One Morning
Down the Path Along Side the Lake
A Tender Hearted Woman Saw a Poor Half Frozen Snake
His Pretty Colored Skin Had Been All Frosted With the Dew
"Poor Thing," She Cried, "I'll Take You in and I'll Take Care of You"
"Take Me in Oh Tender Woman
Take Me In, For Heaven's Sake
Take Me In, Tender Woman," Sighed the Snake

She Wrapped Him All Cozy in a Comforter of Silk
And Laid Him By Her Fireside With Some Honey and Some Milk
She Hurried Home From Work That Night and Soon As She Arrived
She Found That Pretty Snake She'd Taken to Had Bee Revived
"Take Me In, Oh Tender Woman
Take Me In, For Heaven's Sake
Take Me In, Tender Woman," Sighed the Snake

She Clutched Him to Her Bosom, "You're So Beautiful," She Cried
"But If I Hadn't Brought You in By Now You Might Have Died"
She Stroked His Pretty Skin Again and Kissed and Held Him Tight
Instead of Saying Thanks, the Snake Gave Her a Vicious Bite
"Take Me In, Oh Tender Woman
Take Me In, For Heaven's Sake
Take Me In, Tender Woman," Sighed the Snake
"I Saved You," Cried the Woman
"And You've Bitten Me, But Why?
You Know Your Bite Is Poisonous and Now I'm Going to Die"
"Oh Shut Up, Silly Woman," Said the Reptile With a Grin
"You Knew Damn Well I Was a Snake Before You Took Me in
"Take Me In, Oh Tender Woman
Take Me In, For Heaven's Sake
Take Me In, Tender Woman," Sighed the Snake.